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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Budget Division, Office of the Comptroller

25X1A SUBJECT : Project [REDACTED]

25X1A 1. Subject project is essentially a COMINT project. Occasionally, very minor ELINT collection operations have been carried out under Project [REDACTED]

25X1A 2. According to our records the last ELINT information we received from the project was during March of 1961. This material was evaluated as being of very little value. It was stated in the evaluation that the mission was "another example of poor planning". As a result of NEPC's evaluations it is my understanding that the [REDACTED] decided to send the results of subsequent operations to the European processing center at [REDACTED] instead of CIA. I believe Division D has taken action to correct this situation.

25X1A 3. We have limited information available concerning the technical ELINT capability of Project [REDACTED] and are requesting these data from Division B. On receipt we will thoroughly examine the project in terms of ELINT collection potential. Based on the limited reporting available to us, [REDACTED] assets appear to have the capability for collecting significant ELINT in the Black Sea area. Principal targets in this area include the Kildan and Krupnyy Class DDGs and Kellin Class destroyers. These vessels are equipped with guided missile and other advanced electronics systems. Additionally, airborne and land-based targets of special significance exist in the area including the air-to-surface missile equipped TU-16, surface-to-air systems SA-2 and SA-3 and the TALL KING radar.

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